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Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Enclosed also please find a copy of the European Search Report citing these references. Please note that U.S. Patent Nos. 6,236,040 and 6,271,869 are the English language counterpart patents of Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 10-260368 and 2000-180773, respectively. The English abstracts for the Japanese language references are also enclosed. The relevance of these references can be seen from the European Search Report.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(c) after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a final action under § 1.113.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

If any fees are due in connection with this filing, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-2586, referencing Attorney Docket Number 0052/042001.

If there are any questions regarding this application, please telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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